

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TSPA, JA  
SUBJECT: CONTINUING GOJ INTEREST IN SPACE PROCESSING

REF: TOKYO 9364

1. DR. YASUHIRO KURODA OF NASDA HAS CALLED SCICOUNS TO RENEW PREVIOUS EXPRESSION OF NASDA INTEREST (REFTEL) IN A MATERIALS PROCESSING SPACELAB UNDER THE SHUTTLE PROGRAM. HE REPORTED THAT NASDA IS NOW PERFORMING DETAILED STUDY OF JAPAN'S FUTURE SPACE PROGRAM, CONTINUES TO BE IMPRESSED WITH POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE INVOLVEMENT IN MID-EIGHTIES WITH A MATERIALS PROCESSING MISSION, AND WISHES TO OBTAIN AS MUCH INFO AS POSSIBLE ON MISSION TO INCORPORATE INTO LONG RANGE PLAN.

2. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTEL, GOJ RELIES ON LONG RANGE PLANNING TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR LARGE-SCALE R&D PROGRAMS. IF NASA WISHES TO OBTAIN GOJ PARTICIPATION IN MISSION, SOME FEEDBACK FROM NASA WILL BE REQUIRED EVEN AT THIS EARLY STAGE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE AND TO REFTEL FOR FORWARDING TO NASDA.

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